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1. EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED QUESTION HOTEL ROOMS FOR NAEHER DELEGATION FOR PROPOSED DCL MEETINGS MOSCOW BEGINNING JANUARY 26, REFTEL A, WITH V. SMIRNOV, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS. LATTER HAS BEEN ILL THIS WEEK AND EMBOFF WAS ABLE TO GET DEFINITE RESPONSE ONLY ON DECEMBER 26.

2. SMIRNOV WILL BE GLAD TO TRY TO ARRANGE RESERVATIONS AT NATIONAL DIRECTLY WITH HOTEL MANAGER BUT TO DO THIS HE NEEDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE NAMES AND POSITIONS OF US DELEGATION MEMBERS AND DURATION EXPECTED STAY IN MOSCOW. WHILE HE CANNOT GUARANTEE ROOMS AT NATIONAL, SMIRNOV FEELS THAT FEBRUARY PARTY CONGRESS SHOULD NOT PRESENT SIGNIFICANT OBSTACLE IN GETTING APPROPRIATE HOTEL ROOMS IN LATE JANUARY.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT NAEHER DELEGATION INITIATE TRAVEL AND HOTEL RESERVATION APPLICATIONS WITH AMERICAN EXPRESS, OR ANOTHER TRAVEL AGENCY, SPECIFYING DESIRE ROOMS AT NATIONAL. IF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE, PLEASE SEND EMBASSY PARTICULARS EARLIEST SO WE MAY FORWARD THEM TO SMIRNOV.

4. IF NATIONAL UNAVAILABLE, WOULD COMPARABLE HOTEL BE SATISFACTORY?
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